

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2**Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	01-23-2004
First Named Inventor	HAMRICK
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,303,124	04-12-1994	Wrobel	
		US- 5,410,453	04-25-1995	Ruskouski	
		US- 5,459,955	10-24-1995	Ruskouski et al.	
		US- 5,463,280	10-31-1995	Johnson	
		US- 5,526,236	06-11-1996	Burnes et al.	
		US- 5,526,251	06-11-1996	Andre et al.	
		US- 5,539,623	07-23-1996	Gurz et al.	
		US- 5,542,201	08-06-1996	Grondal et al.	
		US- 5,575,459	11-19-1996	Anderson	
		US- 5,611,163	03-18-1997	Smith	
		US- 5,823,378	10-20-1998	Evarts et al.	
		US- 5,949,347	09-07-1999	Wu	
		US- 6,026,602	02-22-2000	Grondal et al.	
		US- 6,036,336	03-14-2000	Wu	
		US- 6,072,280	06-06-2000	Allen	
		US- 6,142,648	11-07-2000	Logan et al.	
		US- 6,149,283	11-21-2000	Conway et al.	
		US- 6,183,086	02-06-2001	Neubert	
		US- 6,268,801	07-31-2001	Wu	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.